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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, You see us as we are—our strengths, our weaknesses, our accomplishments, and our shortcomings—and still You love us with a parent's heart.

God, we give You thanks for the patience You show us time and again. Despite our inclination to take things into our own hands, to fool ourselves to think that our way is the only way, to turn from Your guidance and walk away from Your loving arms, nonetheless, You stand beside, behind, and before us, ready to right us when we stumble and to reassure us when we fail.

Like a hen that broods over her nest, You gather us under Your wings and tend to our every need. Open our eyes to Your gracious care over us. Call us to seek shelter in Your encouraging embrace and to trust Your steadying hand.

We ask that You give us this day reminders of Your abiding faithfulness and enduring mercy. As we stand in the light of Your grace, may we see both our guilt and our acquittal.

Then may we find restoration and renewal to serve You as those who have been given a new chance to bask in Your love and proclaim Your compassion for all people.

In Your merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BERGMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2129. An act to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2280. An act to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3309. An act to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production.

RETURN TO FISCAL RESTRAINT

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last week, a report from Moody's found that the average American is now spending an extra \$460 a month on everyday items like gas and groceries. Because of this staggering inflation caused by President Biden's failed policies, the average American family is being impacted.

The burden of this out-of-control inflation has fallen on working families, who can least afford to pay for the skyrocketing price of goods.

Now, instead of addressing the root causes of inflation, President Biden and Vice President HARRIS are once again championing their build back broken agenda, an agenda that would pour gasoline on a fire that is already far out of control.

Americans cannot afford this reckless spending, and we cannot afford to allow radical socialist policies to further destroy our Nation's economy.

It is time to return to fiscal restraint. It is time to stop spending money that we don't have. It is time to stop spending money on things that we do not need.

STOP THE SPENDING

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I have spoken before about President Biden's and House Democrats' flawed economic record. I continue to hear from constituents from across Michigan's First District who feel cast aside by the policies of this administration.

Inflation has hit a high of 8.6 percent, and this President continues to blame everyone but himself. High inflation isn't an act of God. High inflation isn't solely an act of the Federal Reserve. High inflation certainly isn't an act of Putin, either.

President Biden said the buck stops with him, but maybe he has changed his mind. Don't be deceived; his stated plan to address inflation is a farce.

The President and his advisers told the American people inflation was transitory, all while passing trillions

in new spending. Instead of taking responsibility, this President continues to push tax-and-spend legislation that worsens inflation while leaving working families to pick up the tab.

I am asking the President and my colleagues to listen to the American people, stop the spending, and confront inflation head-on.

DON'T PROSECUTE BORDER PATROL AGENTS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, for months, the Democrats and the liberal media have been intentionally falsely accusing Border Patrol agents of whipping illegal immigrants coming across our southern border. The media falsely mislabeled the agents' long reins, which they use to control their horses, as whips.

Of course, where are all the fact checkers about this information? I guess they are absent over at The Washington Post and CNN.

Yet, the Biden administration's Department of Homeland Security isn't interested in the truth, either. They want to punish these Border Patrol agents who are doing their job and arresting illegal immigrants. Following a false narrative and special interest pressure, the DHS has announced plans to discipline these folks on horseback involved in the so-called incidents.

Prosecuting these law enforcement officers will do nothing but lower the already-low morale at the CBP.

The Biden administration's open-border and soft-on-crime policies have incentivized 2 million illegal immigrants to come across our southern border and have stripped Border Patrol agents from having the authority to stop it. Instead, they have become Welcome Wagon workers.

There is a caravan of illegal immigrants, nearly 20,000 strong, awaiting the day Biden fulfills his destructive promise of ending the border protections under title 42.

We need a true border policy that protects Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY TRAINING ACT

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7777) to amend the Homeland